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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/88)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :12-9-08;11-13-08;6-4-08;3-3-06;1-5-06.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by van Dorp (3,686,003).

Van Dorp discloses flavoring foods with the decomposition product of arachidonic acid (column 2, line 17). The final flavoring ingredient is an aliphatic aldehyde having from 11-17 carbon atoms and 2-4 double bonds (abstract). Trideca-2,,,4,7-trienal is cited as one of the products (column 1, line 43). Linolenic acid is cited as a precursor for the flavoring agent in example 12.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over van Dorp (3,686,003) .

Van Dorp discloses flavoring foods with the decomposition product of arachidonic acid (column 2, line 17). The final flavoring ingredient is an aliphatic aldehyde having from 11-17 carbon atoms and 2-4 double bonds (abstract). Trideca-2,,4,7-trienal is cited as one of the products (column 1, line 43). Linolenic acid is cited as a precursor for the flavoring agent in example 12. The claims appear to differ from van Dorp in the recitation of the amount of flavoring used in the food (see column 3, lines 22-35). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include enough of the precursor arachidonic acid in a food composition in order to provide an appropriate amount of flavoring agent to food. Guidance as to the amount of arachidonic acid is provided in example 8, where more than 1% arachidonic acid is used to create flavoring for chicken soup.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10 are- rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simmons (EP0463660).

Simmons discloses preparing flavoring mixtures from mixtures of fatty acids in water. The+ fatty acids are shaken under air at 95V for 8 hours. Then the aldehyde content is analyzed. The tables starting at page 5 show the aldehyde content of the product to include

10-15 carbon atoms and also show aldehydes having two or more double bonds. The flavors produced are shown in example 18 and the foods produced with the flavors are shown at page 13.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn A Paden whose telephone number is (571) 272-1403. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks can be reached by dialing 571-272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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